



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Davies, J. B.
ACCESSION NO	1965.0005
CATEGORY	Other, individuals
ACTIVITY	Carriers, Diarists
DATE RANGE	1857-1901
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>J.B. Davies was born at Cornwall, England in 1834. He emigrated from his father's farm on 21 December 1857, sailing for Australia aboard the 'Sultana', which arrived at Melbourne on 30 March 1858. He left immediately for Bendigo, and settled in Happy Valley where he did contract work with a horse and dray. In March 1863 he married Grace Wills of Bendigo. He purchased shares in mining companies, and on receiving good dividends became a speculator, giving less time to contract work. J.B. Davies was a member of the Bendigo Stock Exchange. He died on 1 June 1906.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	1964, Feb 1965
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Copy of passengers' contract ticket, 1876. Copy of marriage certificate of J.B. Davies and Grace Wills, 1863. Diary, 1857-1879, 1 vol; newspaper cuttings; photograph.
LISTED BY	21 Nov 1966
DATE	Rosemary Arnold

RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: DAVIES, JAMES BARTLETT.

ADDRESS: Deceased, Formerly Happy Valley, Bendigo, Victoria.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Cartage Contractor; Mining Speculator.

DATE OF TRANSFER: 1964; February 1965.

NAME OF TRANSFEROR: J.B. Davies, grandson of the abovenamed.

GENERAL NOTE: J.B. Davies was born at Cornwall, England in 1834. He emigrated from his father's farm on 21st December 1857, sailing for Australia aboard the "Sultana", which arrived at Melbourne on 30 March 1858. He left immediately for Bendigo, and settled in Happy Valley where he did contract work with a horse and dray. In March 1863 he married Grace Wills of Bendigo. He purchased shares in mining companies, and on receiving good dividends became a speculator, giving less time to contract work. He visited England twice: by himself in 1873, and with his wife and six children in 1879. J.B. Davies was a member of the Bendigo Stock Exchange. He died on 1st June 1906.

LIST OF RECORDS.

1. Copy of Passengers' Contract Ticket for Mr. and Mrs. James B. Davies, and six children for ship passage to London, embarking March 1876.
1p.
2. Copy of Marriage certificate of James Bartlett Davies and Grace Wills, at Wesleyan Church, Golden Square, Bendigo on 10th March 1863.
1p.
NOTE: Grace Wills was the daughter of Edward Wills, who built the bluestone house at 35 Hanover Street Fitzroy in 1854, home of the late Mr. J. O'Brien, Department of History, Melbourne University.
3. DIARY.
J.B. Davies describes leaving England in 1857, arriving in Australia, his work, interests, family and fortunes.
December 1857 - February 1879. ms.
Dates of deaths of family noted at back.
1 vol.
4. Letter from Mr. J.B. Davies to Mr. F. Strahan, explaining his grandfather's movements (written from Anderson Street, Caulfield).
17 February 1965.
1 sheet. ms.
5. Argus, Melbourne. (badly torn).
9th May 1856.
6. Herald, Melbourne. Small cutting removed from page 1.
1862, 5th September. (pages uncut).

7. Unidentified cutting (from Melbourne paper?) "Register of Pioneers"
(For National Trust of Australia - Victoria).
approx. October 1958.
Note: "Replied 14/10/58".
8. Photograph.
Stock Exchange members. J.B. Davies in 2nd row, 6th from left; Ted, his
son, in 3rd row 3rd from left; - Cousin Jack Wills, 3rd row, 2nd from right.
and negative..
9. Photograph.
J.B. Davies (with beard) wife, and children.
1901, 1st November.

Rosemary Arnold,
21st November, 1966.

10. *Family Trees per letter 11 Sept. 1973. (4 pp.) (Copies)*